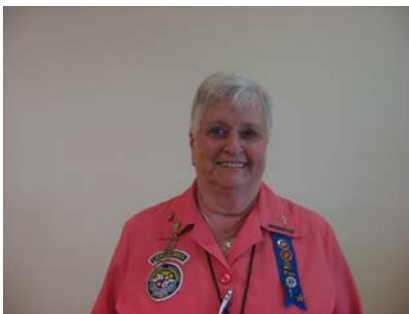


NMHA AUXILIARY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE NEWSLETTER Fall 2011

Paula Johnston, President
Donya Conine, President Elect
Leda Evert, Secretary
Peggy Easterling, Treasurer
Linda Rounds-Nichols, Immediate Past President/Nominating Committee Chair

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I remember the saying “time flies when you are having fun” and that certainly describes this year as state president. It has been a very busy year. The May board of director’s meeting was held May 12 at the NMHA office in Albuquerque.

We had great participation and worked hard to continue to do the work we do every year. This is the most dedicated group of people I have ever worked with and they receive no pay except for the pleasure of serving others.

The nominating committee chairman, Linda Rounds-Nichols and her committee have worked diligently to select people to run for state office. Thanks, Linda, for your work and dedication. Each of you will receive the list of elected officers in the call to convention packet.

Please look over your convention packets, and share the information with all members. We will be voting on the new officers and the budget at the annual meeting so please review this information before the conference and be prepared to vote.

I am so looking forward to the Annual Meeting in September at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque. The theme for this year is “Volunteers Make a Difference”. We have chosen speakers that we feel will be educational, informative and interesting.

My year as president is coming to an end. It has been a great privilege to serve as your president. I want to thank each and everyone for you for your help and support. The state board is a wonderful group of people, men and women who do their jobs very well and are always willing to do more. You have been a great gift to me. Thanks for inviting me to you hospitals and communities and for giving me the opportunity to serve you. It was great to be able to attend award luncheons, general meetings and installations.

I would ask that you consider serving on the state board. It is a wonderful experience and you meet some wonderful people. You get a first hand look at how the auxiliaries and volunteers serve hospitals and communities.

Again, thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your president

Paula Johnston

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT

I wish all of you could serve on the State Board! You learn so much about how the State functions and meet such wonderful giving people, especially Jo Bowman. She is such a great asset to us as auxiliaries/volunteers and to the hospital board as well. Many people also give their time and energy when they don't really have to, Brenda Knisely, Becky Diaz for some. I would like to give my thanks to them.

I would like to say thank you to all those who tried to get some vendor sponsors for our conference in September. If you were able to send me names, I want to you know how much I appreciated all your efforts. We were able to have some positive response, and I hope all of the auxiliaries enjoy seeing their products in September. Please thank them for their participation! Perhaps next year we will be able to add to the vendors that want to attend!

I was able to have some great learning experiences this past year. I attended SAL (State Auxiliary Leaders) Conference in Washington, DC and I was a part of the planning committee for the state conference. By meeting other state leaders I was able to gain new ideas and share some of ours. It was also a chance to make many new friends. In being a part of the Planning Committee, one is able to get to know the others on a personal level. What great friends you acquire.

If you have heard me talk about the HAVE Awards, please think about writing up a program that your auxiliary has promoted. When I attended the awards banquet and saw what they were receiving their awards for, I thought New Mexico has many good programs that could be given awards. The only difference is we have not been written them up and entered! Get busy all of you, as it is quite an honor. I will be talking more about this in September at the Annual Conference. I just wanted you to put on your "thinking hat".

My special thanks to Paula Johnston for being such a wonderful mentor to me. I will probably continue to seek her guidance over the next year. She gives so much of herself, even under times of duress.

I hope many of you are planning to attend the state conference as it will be a GREAT experience for you. Hope to see you there.

Donya Conine, State President Elect

DISTRICT 1

ATLA VISTA REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Alta Vista Regional Hospital Auxiliary is celebrating 61 years of service to its hospital and community. We have eighteen active and four associate members. While we are small in numbers we make a large impact on our hospital. Our patients look forward to seeing our guides at the information desk or visiting our gift shop. This personal touch helps to relieve their anxiety; ask us anything. We are the liaison between the community and the hospital. Some patients schedule their test dates to accommodate their favorite auxilian's work schedule, if possible. "Volunteers Make a Difference" is the theme for the NMHA A/VS and we are practicing it everyday here in Las Vegas.

May 11th we had our annual spring luncheon at K-Bob's Restaurant. Connie Mascarenas was awarded the "2011 Auxilian of the Year". Connie is serving her 33rd year with our auxiliary. She has set a volunteering goal that is an example for all of us to strive for.

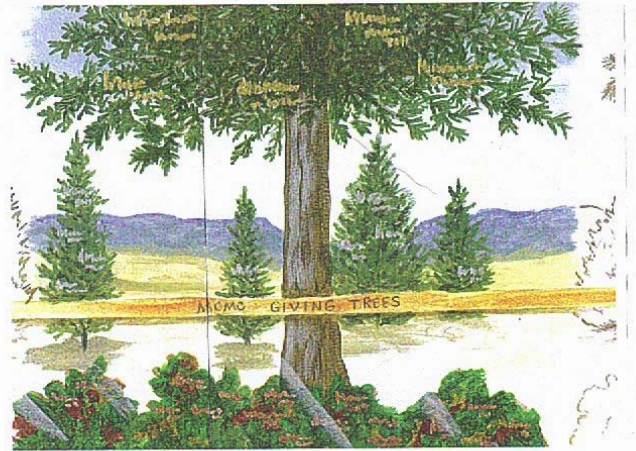
Hope to see you at the New Mexico Hospital Association Auxiliary/Volunteer Services Annual Meeting, September 28-30. Meet new auxiliaries/volunteers and renew old acquaintances. See you in September.

Sincerely,
Sue Jones, Public Relations Chairman
Carol Searcy, President
Alta Vista Regional

MINERS' COLFAX MEDICAL CENTER

The Living-Giving Trees

To the right is a sketch of the Living-Giving Trees which the auxiliary has approved for \$2,500.00 to put on a wall at acute care where names of people donating to MCMC or Northeastern New Mexico Medical Community Foundation will be placed. The donations will be used to help recruit and retain licensed medical personnel and hospital items not paid for by the State. The painting will be done by Artist Heather Sintas and will cover one wall that leads to the cafeteria and patient rooms.



MCMC staff honored the auxiliary with a cookout held on the lawn of the Long Term Care facility. The staff served hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken, plus other goodies, to the auxiliary members in attendance. Each member was given a pot with jumping jack flowers. Thank you to MCMC staff. It was all so goood!!

Shirts for Hospital Staff



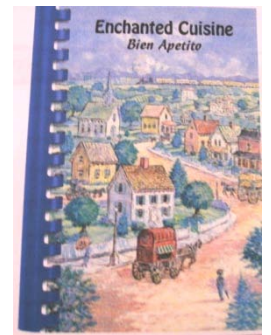
Housekeeping staff shown here wearing shirts purchased by MCMC auxiliary for all hospital staff at the acute care and long term care facilities.



The Enchanted Cuisine Cookbook



Our 40th anniversary cookbooks are here!! “It was a fun project to work on,” says the cookbook committee—Marlene, Fonda, Sue D, and Anna. We hope everyone enjoys. The books will be distributed to members at the next membership meeting on April 25. Anyone wanting to buy an extra book can do so for \$15.00 at the MCMC Gift Shop. Stop by the shop or



call 575-445-7833.

Anna Weybrew

PRESBYTERIAN ESPANOLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

On Friday October 14, 2011, the Presbyterian Española Hospital Auxiliary is hosting the 2011 Regional Workshop for Auxiliaries and Volunteers with Presbyterian Healthcare Services from 6 regional hospitals: Albuquerque, Clovis, Española, Ruidoso, Socorro and Tucumcari. We have an enlightening speaker along with group discussions focusing on fundraising, awards and recognition, recruitment and gift shop ideas. This workshop will be held at the San Gabriel Mission Museum in Espanola, NM.

On Friday, November 5, 2011, the Presbyterian Española Hospital Auxiliary is holding their annual Hollyberry Fair in the hospital lobby. Drawings for 8 beautiful prizes will be held at 12:30 pm. This is the auxiliary's main fundraiser. The proceeds of this event go toward the scholarship fund for men and women who pursue a career in the medical field, and for the purchase of hospital equipment.

The Española Hospital Auxiliary is involved in the continuing project of building a "healing garden" at the hospital. The project is a collaborative effort of the Presbyterian Española Hospital Staff, the Presbyterian Española Hospital auxiliary and the local Rotary Club.

With the infrastructure completed, the next step is to procure more funding to purchase trees, shrubs and plants and to install the fountain provided by the Auxiliary.

A landscaping designer volunteered her services and provided a landscape design which includes aromatic and healing plants and shrubs. She also provided a budget for this phase of the project and based on those figures, one of our auxiliaries wrote two grant proposals. One of the proposals was funded and one was not so there is \$2,000 more available for the garden but about \$10,000 is still needed. As soon as more funds are available, the committee will resume their work to complete the healing garden and provide the patients, hospital staff and visitors with a calm, peaceful place to sit and enjoy the sounds and smells of nature.

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HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL

This spring we had two very successful events. First, we hosted the District 1 Meeting/Workshop at the Sagebrush Inn. We had a fine gathering of members from Espanola, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Las Vegas, and Raton as well as many of our own members.

Second, we celebrated at our annual awards luncheon at the Taos Country Club. We were honored to have our CEO, Peter Hofstetter, present to receive our latest donation check to Holy Cross Hospital for \$10,000. We announced our auxilian of the year, Carla Copenhagen. Carla works as gift shop chair and spends countless hours in the office paying our gift shop invoices and managing our gift shop finances. We were happy to have our state auxiliary president, Paula Johnston from Clovis attend the luncheon. Our outgoing president, Marcia Smith, was presented with a gift and a big thank you for her 3 hears of service as our president. Our new officers were installed by Paula Johnston.

DISTRICT 2

PRESBYTERIAN VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Albuquerque

The past year has been very busy and rewarding for our Presbyterian volunteers. We had the pleasure of hosting our District II Meeting on May 11 and were honored to have our state president, Paula Johnston, our state president elect, Donya Conine, and our immediate past president, Linda Rounds-Nichols attending. It is always a treat to get to visit with others from our district.

In June we held our annual baby shower to benefit “Newborns in Need.” We had blankets, hats, booties and the essential diapers and wipes stacked high for this undertaking. The generosity of the volunteers who knitted, crocheted, sewed and purchased new items for the tiny ones was overwhelming.

As we get closer to the opening of Presbyterian’s new, state-of-the art hospital slated in October, we continue with our fundraising activities to help us fulfill our \$1,000,000 commitment to this

exciting project. In April we held our first jewelry and accessory sale and everyone who helped at the event had a great time. Following up on our success, we have our next sale scheduled for September 19-21 at the main hospital downtown.

Once again, in October in conjunction with National Make a Difference Day, we will have volunteers distributing information and signing up prospective organ donors for New Mexico Donor Services. We hope to have people on hand to tell about themselves or others close to them who have been recipients of these life-saving organ donations.

On November 15, 2011 we will hold our annual meeting and installation of officers for the coming year. We are all looking forward to planning many activities to celebrate our upcoming 60th anniversary of PHS Volunteer Services in 2011.

Carol Aragon
PHS Volunteer Services

SAN JUAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

The SJRMC auxiliary recently purchased a transportation van for our community relations department at \$56,000, replacing a van that had also been purchased by the auxiliary. We had a scrubs and beyond scrubs sale/fundraiser in June and was our most successful fundraiser yet! Our gift market continues to do very well and keeps that revenue flowing. We are very fortunate to have very supportive employees who shop at the gift market. Upcoming fundraisers for 2011 include a book fair, jewelry sale and bake sale. Plans are underway for our annual gift of light program that generally runs from Thanksgiving to New Year.

Approval for the upcoming fall semester was just completed and we are assisting 29 people for educational assistance funding for a total of \$21,750. Last year we helped 77 people.

Three auxiliaries were recently voted in as life members, including Alice Gibson, Mary Lou Jacobs, and Bernie Boyless ((posthumously)). These deserving women have made great contributions in time and service to San Juan Regional.

Our summer has been extremely busy, especially with new volunteers coming on board. We placed 25 volunteers since May, and 10 are teen volunteers. Although we have a year-round teen program, we have had an influx of teens this summer.

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LOVELACE MEDICAL CENTER

Summer Greetings from Lovelace Auxiliary

Our spring season was extremely busy. A general membership meeting was held on March 22, 2011. The installation of officers was given by the human resources director, Philip Espinosa. The 2011-2012 auxiliary officers are as follows: president – Armida Schmidt, president elect – Martha Lindborg, v.p. of education – Fran Skinner, v.p. of membership – Priscilla Sanchez, secretary – Wilma Lyslo, and treasurer – Don Schmidt. Congratulations to all!

Our spring jewelry and book sales were well attended and profitable. Thank you to all volunteers who participated.

The Lovelace auxiliary had a great group who attended the District II Workshop held on May 11, 2011 at the Atomic Museum. We all enjoyed a very nice luncheon and program. A guided tour of the museum was provided at the end of the program. Thank you to the Presbyterian group for a great meeting!

Our deepest sympathies go out to one of our long time volunteers Fran Skinner, v.p. of education on the loss of her son.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the state auxiliary meeting in September at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque.

Martha Lindborg
Lovelace auxiliary, president elect

DISTRICT 3

EASTERN NEW MEXICO MEDICAL CENTER

ENMMC auxiliary hosted the District Meeting on May 14, 2011 in Roswell. We had wonderful participation from our neighboring auxiliaries in Carlsbad, Alamogordo, Clovis, and Ruidoso as well as our own auxiliary. The speakers were entertaining and informative, the food was great and there were door prizes for everyone!

ENMMC auxiliary was a sponsor for the recent 54th Annual Family Medicine Seminar, July 14-17 in Ruidoso, NM. The conference was designed to provide the most current information available regarding a variety of topics that family medicine physicians deal with on an every day basis.

The auxiliary will also sponsor Southern New Mexico Medical Conference 2011 on September 9 and 10, 2011. This educational conference is designed to fulfill quality and needed quality CE opportunities to area medical professionals in southeastern New Mexico.

Members are gearing for the annual convention in Albuquerque and looking forward to seeing old friends.

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PLAINS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

The auxiliary in Clovis will be hosting a booth at the Curry County Fair in August. We will be handing out applications for membership to those interested in volunteering at our hospital and will also have items from our gift shop in our booth. We will be able to sell these items at the fair. Our plan is to promote our auxiliary and our gift shop to people in our community who may not be aware of all we do.

The scholarship committee has been very busy evaluating scholarhips that will be awarded for the fall semester.

DISTRICT 4

GILA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Greetings from Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City.

This has been a very busy time for our auxiliary. We continue to work in many areas of the hospital, including the information desk, surgery center, cancer center, gift shop, juice cart, and wellness center. Auxiliary members serve on hospital committees including the Planetree Steering Committee, the hospital foundation, and our president attends board of regents meetings.

Our cancer center lunch programs continue to be very successful. We have received several large donations which enable us to continue serving free lunches to patients receiving chemotherapy treatments. We are very proud to be able to provide this important service. We have started a new program by which we are able to give bus tickets to patients who have no way to get home from the hospital. Sometimes people come into the hospital by ambulance or someone drops them off, but when they are ready to leave they have no transportation and no money to get home. We can then give them a bus ticket. This program is funded by donations.

Volunteers in the medication assistance program are also members of our Auxiliary. They assist patients in getting free or low cost medications. They are also available to advise patients about Medicare D and to help patients choose the right plan for them.

Vera McGregor